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***"An Act Proposing Comprehensive Campaign Finance
Reform For State-Wide Constitutional Offices."***

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) As used in sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and 6 to 24,
4 inclusive, of this act:

5 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
6 Commission.

7 (2) "Convention" means "convention", as defined in section 9-372 of
8 the general statutes.

9 (3) "Depository account" means the single checking account at the
10 depository institution designated as the depository for the candidate
11 committee's moneys in accordance with the provisions of subsection
12 (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes.

13 (4) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 2
14 of this act.

15 (5) "General election campaign" means (A) in the case of a candidate
16 nominated at a primary, the period beginning on the day following the
17 primary and ending on the date the campaign treasurer files the final
18 statement for such campaign pursuant to section 9-333j of the general
19 statutes, or (B) in the case of a candidate nominated without a primary,
20 the period beginning on the day following the day on which the
21 candidate is nominated and ending on the date the campaign treasurer
22 files the final statement for such campaign pursuant to said section 9-
23 333j.

24 (6) "Major party" means "major party", as defined in section 9-372 of
25 the general statutes.

26 (7) "Minor party" means "minor party" as defined in section 9-372 of
27 the general statutes.

28 (8) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on the day
29 following the close of a convention and ending on the day of a primary
30 held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for an office.

31 (9) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee
32 (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for
33 nomination or election to a state office and (B) approved by the
34 commission to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under
35 section 14 of this act.

36 (10) "Eligible petitioning party candidate" means a candidate for
37 election to an office pursuant to part III C of chapter 153 of the general
38 statutes whose nominating petition has been approved by the
39 Secretary of the State pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-453o of the
40 general statutes.

41 (11) "State office" means the office of Governor, Lieutenant
42 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or

43 Secretary of the State.

44 Sec. 2. (NEW) There is established, within the General Fund, a
45 separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the "Citizens' Election
46 Fund". The fund may contain any moneys required by law to be
47 deposited in the fund. Investment earnings credited to the assets of the
48 fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. The State Treasurer
49 shall administer the fund. All moneys deposited in the fund shall be
50 used for the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and 6 to 24,
51 inclusive, of this act. The State Elections Enforcement Commission may
52 deduct and retain from the moneys in the fund an amount equal to the
53 costs incurred by the commission in administering the provisions of
54 said sections 1, 3, 4, 6 to 24, inclusive, provided said amount shall not
55 exceed two per cent of the moneys deposited in the fund in any fiscal
56 year. Any portion of said two per cent allocation which exceeds said
57 costs incurred by the commission in any fiscal year shall continue to be
58 available for any said costs incurred by the commission in subsequent
59 fiscal years.

60 Sec. 3. (NEW) (a) (1) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 229
61 of the general statutes for taxable years commencing on or after
62 January 1, 2000, may contribute all or part of a refund under said
63 chapter 229 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 2 of
64 this act, by indicating on the tax return the amount to be contributed to
65 the fund.

66 (2) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 229 of the general
67 statutes for taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2000,
68 whose income tax liability for the taxable year, before applying any
69 credit under section 12-704c of the general statutes, as amended, is five
70 dollars or more, may designate that five dollars of such tax liability
71 shall be paid over to the fund by so indicating on the tax return. In the
72 case of a husband and wife filing a joint return with an income tax
73 liability of ten dollars or more, each spouse may designate that five
74 dollars of such tax liability shall be paid over to the fund by so
75 indicating on the tax return. Any designation made pursuant to this

76 subdivision shall not increase the taxpayer's income tax liability.

77 (3) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 229 of the general
78 statutes may contribute an additional amount to the Citizens' Election
79 Fund established in section 2 of this act, by indicating on the tax return
80 the amount to be contributed to the fund. Any contribution made
81 pursuant to this subdivision shall be in addition to the amount of tax
82 reported to be due on such return and shall be paid at the same time as
83 the tax due on such return is paid and in the manner prescribed by the
84 Commissioner of Revenue Services.

85 (b) A contribution or designation made pursuant to this section shall
86 be irrevocable upon the filing of the return. A taxpayer making a
87 contribution or designation pursuant to this subsection shall so
88 indicate on the tax return in a manner provided for by the
89 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to subsection (c) of this
90 section.

91 (c) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall revise the income
92 tax return form to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this
93 section. Such form shall include (1) a space on the return in which
94 taxpayers may indicate their intention to make a contribution or
95 designation in accordance with this section, and (2) instructions for
96 payment of any contribution under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
97 this section. The commissioner shall include in the instructions
98 accompanying the tax return a description of the purposes for which
99 the Citizens' Election Fund was established.

100 (d) A contribution of all or part of a refund shall be made in the full
101 amount indicated if the refund found due the taxpayer upon the initial
102 processing of the return, and after any deductions required by chapter
103 229 of the general statutes, is greater than or equal to the indicated
104 contribution. If the refund due, as determined upon initial processing,
105 and after any deductions required by said chapter 229, is less than the
106 indicated contribution, the contribution shall be made in the full
107 amount of the refund. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall

108 subtract the amount of any contribution of all or part of a refund from
109 the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer and shall
110 certify (1) the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer,
111 (2) the amount of any such contribution, and (3) the amount of the
112 difference to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and
113 the State Treasurer for payment to the taxpayer in accordance with
114 said chapter 229. For the purposes of any subsequent determination of
115 the taxpayer's net tax payment, such contribution shall be considered a
116 part of the refund paid to the taxpayer.

117 (e) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, after notification of and
118 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
119 may deduct and retain from the moneys collected under subsections
120 (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section an amount equal to the costs of
121 administering this section, but not to exceed four per cent of such
122 moneys collected in any fiscal year. The Commissioner of Revenue
123 Services shall deposit the remaining moneys collected in the Citizens'
124 Election Fund.

125 Sec. 4. (NEW) (a) (1) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 208
126 of the general statutes for taxable years commencing on or after
127 January 1, 2000, may contribute all or part of a refund under said
128 chapter 208 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 2 of
129 this act, by indicating on the tax return the amount to be contributed to
130 the fund.

131 (2) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 208 of the general
132 statutes for taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2000,
133 whose income tax liability for the taxable year, before applying any
134 credits under chapter 208 of the general statutes, is five dollars or
135 more, may designate that two hundred dollars of such tax liability or,
136 if such tax liability is less than two hundred dollars, the full amount of
137 such tax liability, shall be paid over to the Citizens' Election Fund
138 established in section 2 of this act, by so indicating on the tax return.
139 Any designation made pursuant to this subdivision shall not increase
140 the taxpayer's income tax liability.

141 (3) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 208 of the general
142 statutes may contribute an additional amount to the Citizens' Election
143 Fund established in section 2 of this act, by indicating on the tax return
144 the amount to be contributed to the fund. Any contribution made
145 pursuant to this subdivision shall be in addition to the amount of tax
146 reported to be due on such return and shall be paid at the same time as
147 the tax due on such return is paid and in the manner prescribed by the
148 Commissioner of Revenue Services.

149 (b) A contribution or designation made pursuant to this section shall
150 be irrevocable upon the filing of the return. A taxpayer making a
151 contribution or designation pursuant to this subsection shall so
152 indicate on the tax return in a manner provided for by the
153 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to subsection (c) of this
154 section.

155 (c) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall revise the income
156 tax return form to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this
157 section. Such form shall include (1) a space on the return in which
158 taxpayers may indicate their intention to make a contribution or
159 designation in accordance with this section, and (2) instructions for
160 payment of any contribution under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
161 this section. The commissioner shall include in the instructions
162 accompanying the tax return a description of the purposes for which
163 the Citizens' Election Fund was established.

164 (d) A contribution of all or part of a refund shall be made in the full
165 amount indicated if the refund found due the taxpayer upon the initial
166 processing of the return, and after any deductions required by chapter
167 208 of the general statutes, is greater than or equal to the indicated
168 contribution. If the refund due, as determined upon initial processing
169 and after any deductions required by said chapter 208, is less than the
170 indicated contribution, the contribution shall be made in the full
171 amount of the refund. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
172 subtract the amount of any contribution of all or part of a refund from
173 the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer and shall

174 certify (1) the amount of the refund initially due the taxpayer, (2) the
175 amount of any such contribution, and (3) the amount of the difference
176 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the State
177 Treasurer for payment to the taxpayer in accordance with said chapter
178 208. For the purposes of any subsequent determination of the
179 taxpayer's net tax payment, such contribution shall be considered a
180 part of the refund paid to the taxpayer.

181 (e) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, after notification of and
182 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
183 may deduct and retain from the moneys collected under subsections
184 (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section an amount equal to the costs of
185 administering this section, but not to exceed four per cent of such
186 moneys collected in any fiscal year. The Commissioner of Revenue
187 Services shall deposit the remaining moneys collected in the Citizens'
188 Election Fund.

189 Sec. 5. Subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is
190 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

191 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the
192 contrary, in the event of a surplus the campaign treasurer of a
193 candidate committee or of a political committee, other than a political
194 committee formed for ongoing political activities or an exploratory
195 committee shall distribute or expend such surplus [within] not later
196 than ninety days after a primary which results in the defeat of the
197 candidate, an election or referendum, in the following manner:

198 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
199 committee, or a political committee organized for ongoing political
200 activities, return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
201 prorated basis of contribution, distribute such surplus to the Citizens'
202 Election Fund established in section 2 of this act or distribute such
203 surplus to any charitable organization which is a tax-exempt
204 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
205 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the

206 United States, as from time to time amended, provided (i) no candidate
207 committee may distribute such surplus to a committee which has been
208 established to finance future political campaigns of the candidate, and
209 (ii) a candidate committee which received moneys from the Citizens'
210 Election Fund shall distribute such surplus to such fund;

211 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
212 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
213 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

214 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
215 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
216 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
217 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
218 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
219 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
220 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
221 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
222 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
223 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
224 amended. [, (ii) each] (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid
225 or promote the success or defeat of any referendum question, which
226 receives contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall
227 distribute its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated
228 basis of contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or
229 to any organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the
230 Internal Revenue Code;

231 (D) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
232 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
233 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of
234 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
235 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
236 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to
237 any organization; and

238 (E) The campaign treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a
239 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
240 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
241 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
242 purchased, including, but not limited to, computer equipment, to any
243 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
244 any equipment purchased, including, but not limited to, computer
245 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
246 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
247 (A).

248 (2) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the contrary,
249 the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a candidate who
250 has withdrawn from a primary or election may, prior to the primary or
251 election, distribute its surplus to any organization which is tax-exempt
252 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
253 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
254 as from time to time amended, or return such surplus to all
255 contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution.

256 (3) [Within] Not later than seven days after such distribution or
257 [within] not later than seven days after all funds have been expended
258 in accordance with subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of this
259 subsection, the campaign treasurer shall file a supplemental statement,
260 sworn under penalty of false statement, with the proper authority,
261 identifying all further contributions received since the previous
262 statement and explaining how any surplus has been distributed or
263 expended in accordance with this section. No surplus may be
264 distributed or expended until after the election, primary or
265 referendum.

266 (4) In the event of a deficit the campaign treasurer shall file a
267 supplemental statement ninety days after the election, primary or
268 referendum with the proper authority and, thereafter, on the seventh
269 day of each month following if on the last day of the previous month
270 there was an increase or decrease in the deficit in excess of five

271 hundred dollars from that reported on the last statement filed. The
272 campaign treasurer shall file such supplemental statements as required
273 until the deficit is eliminated. If any such committee does not have a
274 surplus or a deficit, the statement required to be filed [within] not later
275 than forty-five days following any election or referendum or [within]
276 not later than thirty days following any primary shall be the last
277 required statement.

278 Sec. 6. (NEW) All payments of civil penalties or late fees imposed by
279 the State Elections Enforcement Commission or the Secretary of the
280 State under title 9 of the general statutes, which are received after the
281 effective date of this section, shall be immediately transmitted to the
282 State Treasurer for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in
283 section 2 of this act.

284 Sec. 7. (NEW) Any person, business entity, organization, party
285 committee or political committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the
286 general statutes, as amended, may contribute to the Citizens' Election
287 Fund. Any such contribution shall be made by check or money order.
288 The commission shall immediately transmit all contributions received
289 pursuant to this section to the State Treasurer for deposit in the
290 Citizens' Election Fund.

291 Sec. 8. (NEW) (a) There is established a program of voluntary
292 campaign expenditure limits for major party, minor party and eligible
293 petitioning party candidates for election to state office in 2002. Any
294 such candidate who agrees to limit the amount of expenditures made
295 or incurred by the candidate committee for such candidate for the
296 general election campaign for said election shall be eligible to receive
297 moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund, if a candidate for election to
298 the same office in said year does not agree to said limit and exceeds the
299 limit.

300 (b) The voluntary general election campaign expenditure limits shall
301 be:

302 (1) For candidates for election to the offices of Governor and

303 Lieutenant Governor who are nominated by the same party, a total
304 combined amount of four million dollars; and

305 (2) For a candidate for election to the office of Attorney General,
306 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, seven
307 hundred fifty thousand dollars.

308 (c) Each candidate for election to a state office in 2002, shall file an
309 affidavit with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, at the
310 same time that the candidate files either a committee statement under
311 subsection (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification
312 under subsection (b) of said section 9-333f. The affidavit shall include a
313 written certification that the candidate either intends to abide by the
314 applicable expenditure limit under subsection (b) of this section or
315 does not intend to abide by said limit. If the candidate does intend to
316 abide by said limit, the affidavit shall also include written certifications
317 that (1) the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for said
318 candidate shall expend any moneys received from the fund in
319 accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the
320 general statutes, and (2) the candidate shall repay to the fund any such
321 moneys which are not expended in accordance with said subsection
322 (g). A candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by said
323 limit shall be referred to in this section as a "participating candidate"
324 and a candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to not abide by
325 said limit shall be referred to in this section as a "nonparticipating
326 candidate". The commission shall prepare a list of the participating
327 candidates and a list of the nonparticipating candidates and shall make
328 such lists available for public inspection.

329 (d) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for each
330 candidate for election to state office in 2002, shall file campaign finance
331 statements with the office of the Secretary of the State (1) according to
332 the same schedule as required of a campaign treasurer of a candidate
333 committee under section 9-333j of the general statutes until receiving
334 contributions and receipts totaling seventy-five per cent of the
335 applicable expenditure limit in subsection (b) of this section and (2)

336 then, notwithstanding said schedule in said section 9-333j, on the
337 second Thursday of each month between the beginning of the fourth
338 month preceding the day of the election for said office and the
339 beginning of the sixth week preceding the election and then, on each
340 Thursday until the day of the election. If a campaign treasurer fails to
341 file any such statement (1) within the time required, or (2) with both
342 the Secretary of the State and the commission, said campaign treasurer
343 shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the commission, of not
344 more than one thousand dollars for each such failure under
345 subdivision (1) or (2) of this section. Said statements shall be prepared
346 in the same manner as statements required under section 9-333j of the
347 general statutes.

348 (e) (1) The commission shall review all statements filed by campaign
349 treasurers under subsection (d) of this section and all statements filed
350 by said campaign treasurers under said section 9-333j. If the
351 commission determines that (A) the candidate committee for a
352 nonparticipating candidate has made or incurred campaign
353 expenditures for the general election campaign that exceed the
354 applicable expenditure limit under subsection (b) of this section and
355 (B) the candidate committee for one or more participating candidates
356 for the same office has not made or incurred such excess campaign
357 expenditures and has, in the case of a candidate for the office of
358 Governor, received contributions and receipts totaling five hundred
359 thousand dollars, or in the case of a candidate for the office of Attorney
360 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer,
361 received contributions and receipts totaling seventy-five thousand
362 dollars, the commission shall notify the State Comptroller that the
363 candidate committee for each said participating candidate shall be
364 entitled to payment in an amount equaling the amount of the
365 nonparticipating candidate's excess expenditures. Not later than two
366 business days following notification by the commission, the State
367 Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of
368 said amount to each said participating candidate.

369 (2) If the commission subsequently determines that said

370 nonparticipating candidate has made additional campaign
371 expenditures for the general election campaign that exceed said limit
372 and the candidate committee for one or more participating candidates
373 for the same office has not made or incurred any excess campaign
374 expenditures, the commission shall notify the State Comptroller that
375 the candidate committee for each said participating candidate shall be
376 entitled to payment in an amount equaling the amount of the
377 nonparticipating candidate's additional excess expenditures. Not later
378 than two business days following notification by the commission, the
379 State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
380 payment of said amount to each said participating candidate.

381 (f) The following shall not be subject to the expenditure limits under
382 this section: In-kind contributions from party committees for
383 coordinated campaign expenditures, including but not limited to,
384 phone banks and voter lists, which are made available to all party-
385 endorsed candidates whose names appear on a ballot.

386 (g) Upon the receipt of a report under subsection (e) of section 9-
387 333n, as amended by this act, that an independent expenditure has
388 been made or obligated to be made, with the intent to promote the
389 defeat of a participating candidate for (1) the office of Governor who
390 has received contributions and receipts totaling five hundred thousand
391 dollars or (2) the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
392 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has received
393 contributions and receipts totaling seventy-five thousand dollars, the
394 commission shall immediately notify the State Comptroller that
395 additional money, equal to the amount of the independent
396 expenditure, shall be paid to the candidate committee for said
397 participating candidate. Not later than two business days following
398 notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an
399 order on the State Treasurer for payment of such amount to said
400 candidate committee from the fund.

401 Sec. 9. (NEW) (a) There is established a program of voluntary
402 campaign expenditure limits for major party, minor party and eligible

403 petitioning party candidates for election to the office of state
404 representative or state senator in 2004, and thereafter. Any such
405 candidate who agrees to limit the amount of expenditures made or
406 incurred by the candidate committee for such candidate for the general
407 election campaign for said election shall be eligible to receive moneys
408 from the Citizens' Election Fund, if a candidate for election to the same
409 office in said year does not agree to said limit and exceeds the limit.

410 (b) The voluntary general election campaign expenditure limits for
411 the election held in 2004, shall be:

412 (1) For a candidate for election to the office of state representative,
413 fifty thousand dollars; and

414 (2) For a candidate for election to the office of state senator, one
415 hundred thirty thousand dollars.

416 (c) The voluntary general election campaign expenditure limits for
417 elections held after 2004, shall be the limits under subsection (b) of this
418 section, adjusted for inflation. On January 15, 2006, and biennially
419 thereafter, the commission shall adjust said expenditure limits in
420 accordance with any change during the preceding two calendar years
421 in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers as published by
422 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

423 (d) Each candidate for election to the office of state representative or
424 state senator in 2004, or thereafter, shall file an affidavit with the State
425 Elections Enforcement Commission, at the same time that the
426 candidate files either a committee statement under subsection (a) of
427 section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification under subsection
428 (b) of said section 9-333f. The affidavit shall include a written
429 certification that the candidate either intends to abide by the applicable
430 expenditure limit under subsection (b) or (c) of this section or does not
431 intend to abide by said limit. If the candidate does intend to abide by
432 said limit, the affidavit shall also include written certifications that (1)
433 the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate
434 shall expend any moneys received from the fund in accordance with

435 the provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the general statutes,
436 and (2) the candidate shall repay to the fund any such moneys which
437 are not expended in accordance with said subsection (g). A candidate
438 who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by said limit shall be
439 referred to in this section as a "participating candidate" and a
440 candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to not abide by said
441 limit shall be referred to in this section as a "nonparticipating
442 candidate". The commission shall prepare a list of the participating
443 candidates and a list of the nonparticipating candidates and shall make
444 such lists available for public inspection.

445 (e) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for each
446 candidate for the office of state representative or state senator shall file
447 campaign finance statements with the office of the Secretary of the
448 State (1) according to the same schedule as required of a campaign
449 treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-333j of the general
450 statutes until receiving contributions and receipts totaling seventy-five
451 per cent of the applicable expenditure limit in subsection (b) or (c) of
452 this section and (2) then, notwithstanding said schedule in said section
453 9-333j, on the second Thursday of each month between the beginning
454 of the fourth month preceding the day of the election for said office
455 and the beginning of the sixth week preceding the election and then on
456 each Thursday until the day of the election. Said statements shall be
457 prepared in the same manner as statements required under section 9-
458 333j of the general statutes.

459 (f) (1) The commission shall review all statements filed by campaign
460 treasurers under subsection (e) of this section and all statements filed
461 by said campaign treasurers under said section 9-333j. If the
462 commission determines that (A) the candidate committee for a
463 nonparticipating candidate has made or incurred campaign
464 expenditures for the general election campaign that exceed the
465 applicable expenditure limit under subsection (b) or (c) of this section
466 and (B) the candidate committee for one or more participating
467 candidates for the same office has not made or incurred such excess
468 campaign expenditures and has received contributions and receipts

469 totaling twenty-five per cent of the applicable expenditure limit in
470 subsection (b) or (c) of this section, the commission shall notify the
471 State Comptroller that the candidate committee for each said
472 participating candidate shall be entitled to payment in an amount
473 equaling the amount of the nonparticipating candidate's excess
474 expenditures. Not later than two business days following notification
475 by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the
476 State Treasurer for payment of said amount to each said participating
477 candidate.

478 (2) If the commission subsequently determines that said
479 nonparticipating candidate has made additional campaign
480 expenditures for the general election campaign that exceed said limit
481 and the candidate committee for one or more participating candidates
482 for the same office has not made or incurred any excess campaign
483 expenditures, the commission shall notify the State Comptroller that
484 the candidate committee for each said participating candidate shall be
485 entitled to payment in an amount equaling the amount of the
486 nonparticipating candidate's additional excess expenditures. Not later
487 than two business days following notification by the commission, the
488 State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
489 payment of said amount to each said participating candidate.

490 (g) The following shall not be subject to the expenditure limits
491 under this section: In-kind contributions from party committees for
492 coordinated campaign expenditures, including but not limited to,
493 phone banks and voter lists, which are made available to all party-
494 endorsed candidates whose names appear on a ballot.

495 (h) Upon the receipt of a report under subsection (e) of section 9-
496 333n, as amended by this act, that an independent expenditure has
497 been made or obligated to be made, with the intent to promote the
498 defeat of a participating candidate who has received contributions and
499 receipts totaling twenty-five per cent of the applicable expenditure
500 limit in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, the commission shall
501 immediately notify the State Comptroller that additional money, equal

502 to the amount of the independent expenditure, shall be paid to the
503 candidate committee for said participating candidate. Not later than
504 two business days following notification by the commission, the State
505 Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of
506 such amount to said candidate committee from the fund.

507 Sec. 10. (NEW) (a) There is established a Citizens' Election Program
508 under which (1) the candidate committee of a major party or minor
509 party candidate for nomination to a state office in 2006, or thereafter,
510 may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the
511 candidate's primary campaign for said nomination or (2) the candidate
512 committee of a major party, minor party or eligible petitioning party
513 candidate for election to a state office in 2006, or thereafter, may
514 receive a grant from the fund for the candidate's general election
515 campaign for said office. Any such candidate is eligible to receive such
516 grants if (A) the candidate's candidate committee receives the required
517 amount of qualifying contributions set forth in section 11 of this act, (B)
518 the candidate agrees to the primary campaign and general election
519 campaign expenditure limits set forth in section 12 of this act, and (C)
520 the candidate complies with the requirements of section 14 of this act.

521 (b) Each major party and minor party candidate for nomination or
522 election to a state office in 2006, or thereafter, and each petitioning
523 candidate for election to a state office in 2006, or thereafter, shall file an
524 affidavit with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, at the
525 same time that the candidate files either a committee statement under
526 subsection (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification
527 under subsection (b) of said section 9-333f. The affidavit shall include a
528 written certification that the candidate either intends to abide by the
529 applicable expenditure limits for a primary campaign and a general
530 election campaign under the Citizens' Election Program, as set forth in
531 section 12 of this act, or does not intend to abide by said limits. A
532 candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by said limit
533 shall be referred to in sections 10 to 24, inclusive, of this act as a
534 "participating candidate" and a candidate who so certifies the
535 candidate's intent to not abide by said limit shall be referred to in this

536 section as a "nonparticipating candidate". The commission shall
537 prepare a list of the participating candidates and a list of the
538 nonparticipating candidates and shall make such lists available for
539 public inspection.

540 Sec. 11. (NEW) (a) The amount of qualifying contributions which
541 the candidate committee of a candidate needs to receive in order to be
542 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

543 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
544 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
545 of five hundred thousand dollars, of which four hundred fifty
546 thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the
547 state, provided (A) no such contribution that exceeds five hundred
548 dollars shall be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all
549 contributions received by an exploratory committee that meets such
550 criteria shall be considered in calculating such amounts; and

551 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
552 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
553 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
554 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
555 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
556 individuals residing in the state, provided (A) no such contribution
557 that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars shall be considered in
558 calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an
559 exploratory committee that meets such criteria shall be considered in
560 calculating such amounts.

561 (b) Each individual who makes a contribution to a candidate
562 committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating
563 candidate for nomination or election to a state office shall include the
564 individual's name and address with the contribution. A contribution
565 from an individual that does not include such information shall not be
566 deemed to be a qualifying contribution under subsection (a) of this
567 section.

568 Sec. 12. (NEW) (a) The following are the expenditure limits under
569 the Citizens' Election Program for a primary campaign for qualifying
570 candidates for nomination to the office of Governor in 2006, and
571 thereafter, subject to adjustment under subsection (e) of this section:

572 (1) For a candidate who receives the endorsement of the candidate's
573 party at the state convention, one million five hundred thousand
574 dollars;

575 (2) For a nonendorsed candidate who receives fifteen per cent of the
576 votes of the convention delegates of the candidate's party who are
577 present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or
578 proposed endorsement of a candidate for said office at a convention
579 where the party endorses a candidate for said office, five hundred
580 thousand dollars;

581 (3) For a nonendorsed candidate who receives more than fifteen per
582 cent of the votes of the convention delegates of the candidate's party
583 who are present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the
584 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said office at
585 a convention where the party endorses a candidate for said office, the
586 sum of five hundred thousand dollars and twenty-eight thousand five
587 hundred dollars for each per cent of the vote of said convention
588 delegates that the candidate receives on said roll call in excess of
589 fifteen per cent; and

590 (4) For a nonendorsed candidate who receives fifteen per cent or
591 more of the votes of the convention delegates of the candidate's party
592 who are present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the
593 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said office at
594 a convention where the party does not endorse a candidate for said
595 office, five hundred thousand dollars.

596 (b) The expenditure limit under the Citizens' Election Program in
597 2006, and thereafter, for a general election campaign for qualifying
598 candidates for election to the office of Governor and Lieutenant
599 Governor who are nominated by the same party shall be a total

600 combined amount of four million dollars, subject to adjustment under
601 subsection (e) of this section.

602 (c) The following are the expenditure limits under the Citizens'
603 Election Program for a primary campaign for qualifying candidates for
604 nomination to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
605 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2006, and
606 thereafter, subject to adjustment under subsection (e) of this section:

607 (1) For a candidate who receives the endorsement of the candidate's
608 party at the state convention, five hundred thousand dollars;

609 (2) For a nonendorsed candidate who receives fifteen per cent of the
610 votes of the convention delegates of the candidate's party who are
611 present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or
612 proposed endorsement of a candidate for said office at a convention
613 where the party endorses a candidate for said office, one hundred fifty
614 thousand dollars;

615 (3) For a nonendorsed candidate who receives more than fifteen per
616 cent of the votes of the convention delegates of the candidate's party
617 who are present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the
618 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said office at
619 a convention where the party endorses a candidate for said office, the
620 sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars and ten thousand dollars
621 for each per cent of the vote of said convention delegates that the
622 candidate receives on said roll call in excess of fifteen per cent; and

623 (4) For a nonendorsed candidate who receives fifteen per cent or
624 more of the votes of the convention delegates of the candidate's party
625 who are present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the
626 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said office at
627 a convention where the party does not endorse a candidate for said
628 office, one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

629 (d) The expenditure limit under the Citizens' Election Program for a
630 general election campaign for qualifying candidates for election to the

631 office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or
632 State Treasurer in 2006, and thereafter, shall be seven hundred fifty
633 thousand dollars, subject to adjustment under subsection (e) of this
634 section.

635 (e) On January 15, 2006, and quadrennially thereafter, the
636 commission shall adjust the expenditure limits in subsections (a) to (d),
637 inclusive, of this section in accordance with any change during the
638 preceding four calendar years in the Consumer Price Index for all
639 urban consumers as published by the United States Department of
640 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

641 (f) The following shall not be subject to the expenditure limits under
642 this section: In-kind contributions from party committees for
643 coordinated campaign expenditures, including but not limited to,
644 phone banks and voter lists, which are made available to all party-
645 endorsed candidates whose names appear on a ballot.

646 Sec. 13. (NEW) (a) A candidate for state office who receives the
647 qualifying amount of contributions under section 11 of this act shall be
648 eligible to receive grants under the Citizens' Election Program for a
649 primary campaign and a general election campaign in the amount of
650 the applicable expenditure limits for such campaigns for said office set
651 forth in section 12 of this act. The amount of any said grant to a
652 candidate for a campaign shall be reduced by the amount of
653 expenditures that the candidate has made or incurred before the
654 candidate submits the application for said grant, except for
655 expenditures for research that has been conducted or office equipment
656 or furnishings.

657 (b) No grant under the Citizens' Election Program may be applied to
658 a deficit incurred by a candidate committee.

659 (c) The campaign treasurer of a candidate committee for a candidate
660 for state office who receives a grant under the Citizens' Election
661 Program shall distribute all unspent candidate committee funds from
662 other sources to the Citizens' Election Fund.

663 Sec. 14. (NEW) (a) A candidate for nomination or election to a state
664 office in 2006, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections
665 Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens'
666 Election Program for (1) a primary campaign, after the close of the
667 state convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose
668 of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate
669 is seeking, if said party endorses the candidate for the office that the
670 candidate is seeking or the candidate receives at least fifteen per cent
671 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
672 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
673 candidate for the office the candidate is seeking; or (2) a general
674 election campaign, (A) after the close of the state convention of the
675 candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates
676 for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking, if (i) said
677 party endorses said candidate for the office that the candidate is
678 seeking and no other candidate of said party either receives at least
679 fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and
680 voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed
681 endorsement of a candidate for said office or files a certificate of
682 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
683 provisions of section 9-400 of the general statutes, or (ii) the candidate
684 receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates
685 present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or
686 proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is
687 seeking and no other candidate for such office at such convention
688 either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes
689 for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the
690 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388
691 of the general statutes or a certificate of candidacy with the Secretary
692 of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400 of the
693 general statutes, (B) after any primary held by such party for
694 nomination for such office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the
695 candidate is the party nominee in accordance with the provisions of
696 section 9-440 of the general statutes, or (C) in the case of a petitioning
697 party candidate, after approval by the Secretary of the State of such

698 candidate's nominating petition pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-
699 453o of the general statutes.

700 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

701 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
702 qualifying contributions;

703 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
704 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 16 of
705 this act;

706 (3) The candidate committee has returned any contribution from an
707 individual who does not include the individual's name and address
708 with the contribution;

709 (4) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall comply
710 with the provisions of sections 1 and 10 to 24, inclusive, of this act;

711 (5) All moneys received from the fund shall be deposited upon
712 receipt into the depository account of the candidate committee;

713 (6) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall expend
714 all moneys received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of
715 subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the general statutes; and

716 (7) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes
717 ineligible or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the
718 candidate shall return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all
719 moneys received from the fund pursuant to sections 1 and 10 to 24,
720 inclusive, of this act which said candidate committee has not spent as
721 of the date of such occurrence.

722 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
723 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
724 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
725 before the date that the application is signed. Such accounting shall be
726 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the campaign treasurer of

727 the candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of
728 the application and the cumulative itemized accounting, after
729 consulting with the Secretary of the State. The form for such
730 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-333j of the
731 general statutes. Both the candidate and the campaign treasurer of the
732 candidate committee shall sign the application.

733 (d) Not later than three business days following receipt of any such
734 application, the commission shall review the application, determine
735 whether the candidate committee for the applicant (1) has received the
736 required qualifying contributions, and (2) in the case of an application
737 for a grant from the fund for a primary campaign or a general election
738 campaign, the applicant has met the applicable condition under
739 subsection (a) of this section for applying for such moneys and, if so,
740 determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate committee
741 from the fund and notify the State Comptroller and the candidate of
742 such candidate committee, of such amount. Not later than two
743 business days following notification by the commission, the State
744 Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of
745 such amount to the qualified candidate committee from the fund.

746 Sec. 15. (NEW) Following the initial deposit of moneys from the
747 fund into the depository account of a qualified candidate committee,
748 no contribution, loan, amount of the candidate's own moneys or any
749 other moneys received by the candidate or the campaign treasurer on
750 behalf of the committee shall be deposited into said depository
751 account, except (1) grants from the fund, and (2) any additional
752 moneys from the fund as provided in sections 20 and 21 of this act.

753 Sec. 16. (NEW) A qualified candidate committee which received
754 moneys from the fund for a primary campaign and whose candidate is
755 the party nominee shall receive moneys from the fund for a general
756 election campaign. Upon receiving verification from the Secretary of
757 the State of the declaration by the Secretary of the State in accordance
758 with the provisions of section 9-440 of the general statutes, of the
759 results of the votes cast at the primary, the commission shall notify the

760 State Comptroller of the amount payable to such qualified candidate
761 committee. Not later than two business days following notification by
762 the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
763 Treasurer for payment of the general election campaign grant to said
764 committee from said fund.

765 Sec. 17. (NEW) (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made
766 to aid or promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or
767 election to the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or
768 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be
769 considered expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a
770 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor. The
771 party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election to the office of
772 Lieutenant Governor and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination
773 or election to the office of Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or
774 promoting the success of both candidates jointly upon the earliest of
775 the following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor,
776 the office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for
777 the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the convention; or (3) a
778 declaration by the party-endorsed candidates that they shall campaign
779 jointly. Any other candidate for nomination or election to the office of
780 Lieutenant Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting the
781 success of such candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Governor and
782 the success of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
783 Governor jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that they shall
784 campaign jointly.

785 (b) The candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success
786 of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
787 Governor, the candidate of which campaigns jointly with a candidate
788 for nomination or election to the office of Governor, shall be dissolved
789 as of the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not
790 later than fifteen days after the applicable date set forth in subsection
791 (a) of this section, the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee
792 formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination
793 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement

794 with the proper authority under section 9-333e of the general statutes,
795 as amended by this act, identifying all contributions received or
796 expenditures made by the committee since the previous statement and
797 the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not later than thirty
798 days after the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section,
799 (1) the campaign treasurer of a qualified candidate committee formed
800 to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or
801 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any
802 surplus to the fund, and (2) the campaign treasurer of a nonqualified
803 candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of said
804 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
805 Governor shall distribute such surplus in accordance with the
806 provisions of subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the general statutes, as
807 amended by this act.

808 Sec. 18. (NEW) (a) A qualified candidate committee may borrow
809 moneys on behalf of a campaign for a primary or a general election
810 from one or more financial institutions, as defined in section 36a-41 of
811 the general statutes, in an aggregate amount not to exceed one
812 thousand dollars. The amount borrowed shall not constitute a
813 qualifying contribution. No individual, political committee or party
814 committee, except the candidate or, in a general election, the state
815 central committee of a political party, shall endorse or guarantee such
816 a loan in an aggregate amount in excess of five hundred dollars. An
817 endorsement or guarantee of such a loan shall constitute a contribution
818 by such individual or committee for so long as the loan is outstanding.
819 The amount endorsed or guaranteed by such individual or committee
820 shall cease to constitute a contribution upon repayment of the amount
821 endorsed or guaranteed.

822 (b) All such loans shall be repaid in full prior to the date a candidate
823 committee applies for the moneys from the fund pursuant to section 12
824 of this act. The candidate shall certify to the commission that such
825 loans were repaid. A candidate who fails to repay such loans or fails to
826 certify such repayment to the commission shall not be eligible to
827 receive and shall not receive moneys from the fund.

828 Sec. 19. (NEW) (a) A qualified candidate committee which receives a
829 grant from the fund pursuant to section 14 of this act and makes
830 expenditures in excess of an expenditure limit set forth in section 12 of
831 this act (1) shall repay to the fund the full amount of such grant, (2)
832 shall not receive any additional moneys from the fund for the
833 remainder of the election cycle, (3) shall be subject to civil penalties
834 under section 9-7b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
835 (4) shall be deemed to be a nonparticipating candidate for the purposes
836 of sections 10 to 24, inclusive, of this act.

837 (b) A candidate whose candidate committee fails to return any
838 surplus grant funds to the fund within ninety days after a primary or
839 an election, whichever is applicable shall be subject to the penalties for
840 larceny under sections 53a-122 to 53a-125b, inclusive, depending on
841 the amount involved.

842 Sec. 20. (NEW) (a) Additional moneys from the fund shall be paid to
843 a qualified candidate committee which received moneys from the fund
844 if the committee of an opposing candidate makes expenditures in
845 excess of an expenditure limit set forth in section 12 of this act. Such
846 additional moneys from the fund shall be paid to a qualified candidate
847 committee which received moneys from the fund (1) regardless of
848 whether the candidate committee which makes expenditures in excess
849 of the applicable expenditure limit has received moneys from the fund,
850 (2) in an amount equal to the greatest amount of expenditures in excess
851 of the applicable expenditure limit which the committee of an
852 opposing candidate has made expenditures, and (3) immediately
853 following the commission's verification that the committee of an
854 opposing candidate has made expenditures in excess of the applicable
855 expenditure limit.

856 (b) If a nonparticipating candidate makes or incurs the obligation to
857 make an excess expenditure more than twenty days before the day of a
858 primary or election, the candidate shall file a declaration of excess
859 expenditures not later than forty-eight hours after making or incurring
860 the expenditure. If a nonparticipating candidate makes or incurs the

861 obligation to make an excess expenditure twenty days or less before
862 the day of a primary or election, the candidate shall file a declaration of
863 excess expenditures not later than twenty-four hours after making or
864 incurring the expenditure. The commission may determine whether
865 any expenditure by a nonparticipating candidate shall be deemed an
866 excess expenditure.

867 Sec. 21. (NEW) Upon the receipt of a report under subsection (e) of
868 section 9-333n, as amended by this act, that an independent
869 expenditure has been made or obligated to be made, with the intent to
870 promote the defeat of a candidate whose candidate committee has
871 received a grant under the Citizens' Election Program, the commission
872 shall immediately notify the State Comptroller that additional money,
873 equal to the amount of the independent expenditure, shall be paid to
874 said candidate committee. Not later than two business days following
875 notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an
876 order on the State Treasurer for payment of such amount to said
877 candidate committee from the fund.

878 Sec. 22. (NEW) The campaign treasurer for each candidate for
879 election to state office in 2006, or thereafter shall file campaign finance
880 statements with the office of the Secretary of the State (1) according to
881 the same schedules as required of a campaign treasurer of a candidate
882 committee under section 9-333j of the general statutes until receiving
883 contributions, receipts and grants totaling seventy-five per cent of the
884 applicable expenditure limit for a general election campaign, as set
885 forth in section 12 of this act and (2) then, notwithstanding said
886 schedule in said section 9-333j, on the second Thursday of each month
887 between the beginning of the fourth month preceding the day of the
888 election for said office and the beginning of the sixth week preceding
889 the election and then on each Thursday until the day of the election.
890 Said statements shall be prepared in the same manner as statements
891 required under section 9-333j of the general statutes. If a campaign
892 treasurer fails to file any statement required by this section (1) within
893 the time required, or (2) with both the Secretary of the State and the
894 commission, such campaign treasurer shall be subject to a civil penalty

895 imposed by the commission, of not more than one thousand dollars for
896 each such failure under subdivision (1) or (2) of this section.

897 Sec. 23. (NEW) The Secretary of the State shall provide to each
898 committee whose candidate has filed an affidavit under subsection (b)
899 of section 10 of this act certifying that the candidate intends to abide by
900 the applicable expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program,
901 a copy of the centralized computer list of registered voters in the state
902 established pursuant to the plan authorized under section 1 of special
903 act 91-45. The Secretary shall provide the copy in electronic format,
904 free of charge.

905 Sec. 24. (NEW) (a) Not later than June 1, 2001, and annually
906 thereafter, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a
907 report on the status of the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous
908 calendar year. Such report shall include the amount of moneys
909 deposited in the fund, the sources of moneys received by category, the
910 number of contributions, the number of contributors, the amount of
911 moneys expended by category, the recipients of moneys distributed
912 from the fund and an accounting of the costs incurred by the
913 commission in administering the provisions of sections 1 to 4,
914 inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, of this act. Not later than May 15, 2001, and
915 annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
916 submit to the commission the information in the possession of the
917 commissioner which the commission needs to complete such report.

918 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which an election for
919 state offices is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the
920 amount of moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of
921 sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and 8 to 23, inclusive, of this act. If the
922 commission determines that such amount is not sufficient to carry out
923 such purposes, the commission shall, not later than three days after
924 such later determination, (1) determine the percentage of the fund's
925 obligations that can be met for such election, (2) recalculate the amount
926 of each payment that a qualified candidate committee is entitled to
927 receive under sections 8, 9 or 14 of this act by multiplying such

928 percentage by the amount that the committee would have been
929 entitled to receive under sections 8, 9 or 14 of this act if there were a
930 sufficient amount of moneys in the fund, and (3) notify each applicant
931 for moneys from the fund of such insufficiency, percentage and
932 applicable recalculation. After a qualified candidate committee first
933 receives any such recalculated payment, the committee may resume
934 accepting contributions and making expenditures from such
935 contributions, provided no qualified candidate committee which
936 receives such recalculated payments from the fund shall accept
937 contributions in excess of the amount of moneys which the committee
938 was entitled to receive from the fund but did not receive from the
939 fund. The commission shall also issue a report on said determination.

940 (c) The commission shall establish a reserve account in the fund. The
941 first twenty-five thousand dollars deposited in the fund during any
942 year shall be placed in said account. The commission shall use moneys
943 in the reserve account only during the seven days preceding an
944 election for payments to candidates (1) whose payments were reduced
945 under subsection (b) of this section, or (2) who are entitled to funding
946 to match, during said seven-day period, independent expenditures
947 pursuant to section 21 of this act.

948 Sec. 25. Section 9-333a of the general statutes, as amended by section
949 1 of public act 99-12, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
950 thereof:

951 As used in this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 24,
952 inclusive, and 36 of this act:

953 (1) "Committee" means a party committee, political committee or a
954 candidate committee organized, as the case may be, for a single
955 primary, election or referendum, or for ongoing political activities, to
956 aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any one or
957 more candidates for public office or the position of convention
958 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question.

959 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town

960 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or
961 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds
962 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town
963 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so
964 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town
965 committee for purposes of this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6
966 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act.

967 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a
968 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or
969 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their
970 activities in or outside the state, (C) a committee established by a
971 candidate to determine the particular public office to which [he] such
972 candidate shall seek nomination or election, and referred to in this
973 chapter as an exploratory committee, or (D) a committee established by
974 or on behalf of a slate of candidates in a primary for the position of
975 convention delegate, but does not mean a candidate committee or a
976 party committee.

977 (4) "Candidate committee" means any committee designated by a
978 single candidate, or established with the consent, authorization or
979 cooperation of a candidate, for the purpose of a single primary or
980 election and to aid or promote [his] such candidate's candidacy alone
981 for a particular public office or the position of town committee
982 member, but does not mean a political committee or a party
983 committee.

984 (5) "National committee" means the organization which according to
985 the bylaws of a political party is responsible for the day-to-day
986 operation of the party at the national level.

987 (6) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in
988 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from
989 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section
990 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section
991 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative

992 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to
993 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based
994 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional
995 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership
996 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean
997 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

998 (7) "Business entity" means the following, whether organized in or
999 outside of this state: Stock corporations, banks, insurance companies,
1000 business associations, bankers associations, insurance associations,
1001 trade or professional associations which receive funds from
1002 membership dues and other sources, partnerships, joint ventures,
1003 private foundations, as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue
1004 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
1005 of the United States, as from time to time amended; trusts or estates;
1006 corporations organized under sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive,
1007 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, and
1008 chapters 594 to 597, inclusive; cooperatives, and any other association,
1009 organization or entity which is engaged in the operation of a business
1010 or profit-making activity; but does not include professional service
1011 corporations organized under chapter 594a and owned by a single
1012 individual, nonstock corporations which are not engaged in business
1013 or profit-making activity, organizations, as defined in subdivision (6)
1014 of this section, candidate committees, party committees and political
1015 committees as defined in this section. For purposes of this chapter,
1016 corporations which are component members of a controlled group of
1017 corporations, as those terms are defined in Section 1563 of the Internal
1018 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
1019 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall
1020 be deemed to be one corporation.

1021 (8) "Individual" means a human being, a sole proprietorship, or a
1022 professional service corporation organized under chapter 594a and
1023 owned by a single human being.

1024 (9) "Person" means an individual, committee, firm, partnership,

1025 organization, association, syndicate, company trust, corporation,
1026 limited liability company or any other legal entity of any kind but does
1027 not mean the state or any political or administrative subdivision of the
1028 state.

1029 (10) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
1030 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is
1031 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter and sections 1 to 4,
1032 inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act an individual shall be
1033 deemed to seek nomination for election or election if [he] such
1034 individual has (A) been endorsed by a party or become eligible for a
1035 position on the ballot at an election or primary, or (B) solicited or
1036 received contributions or made expenditures or given [his] such
1037 individual's consent to any other person to solicit or receive
1038 contributions or make expenditures with the intent to bring about [his]
1039 such individual's nomination for election or election to any such office.
1040 "Candidate" also means a slate of candidates which is to appear on the
1041 ballot in a primary for the position of convention delegate. For the
1042 purposes of sections 9-333 to 9-333l, inclusive, as amended by this act,
1043 and section 9-333w, "candidate" also means an individual who is a
1044 candidate in a primary for town committee members.

1045 (11) "Campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed by a
1046 candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a party committee or a
1047 political committee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the
1048 candidate or committee.

1049 (12) "Deputy campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed
1050 by the candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a committee to
1051 serve in the capacity of the campaign treasurer if the campaign
1052 treasurer is unable to perform [his] the campaign treasurer's duties.

1053 (13) "Solicitor" means an individual appointed by a campaign
1054 treasurer of a committee to receive, but not to disburse, funds on
1055 behalf of the committee.

1056 (14) "Referendum question" means a question to be voted upon at

1057 any election or referendum, including a proposed constitutional
1058 amendment.

1059 (15) "Lobbyist" means a lobbyist as defined in subsection (l) of
1060 section 1-91.

1061 (16) "Business with which he is associated" means any business in
1062 which the contributor is a director, officer, owner, limited or general
1063 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
1064 outstanding stock of any class. Officer refers only to the president,
1065 executive or senior vice-president or treasurer of such business.

1066 (17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that is made
1067 without the consent, knowing participation, or consultation of, a
1068 candidate or agent of the candidate committee. "Independent
1069 expenditure" does not include an expenditure (A) if there is any
1070 coordination or direction with respect to the expenditure between the
1071 candidate or the treasurer, deputy treasurer or [chairman] chairperson
1072 of [his] such candidate committee and the person making the
1073 expenditure, or (B) if, during the same election cycle, the individual
1074 making the expenditure serves or has served as the treasurer, deputy
1075 treasurer or [chairman] chairperson of the candidate committee.

1076 (18) "Federal account" means a depository account that is subject to
1077 the disclosure and contribution limits provided under the Federal
1078 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from time to time.

1079 (19) "Public funds" means funds belonging to, or under the control
1080 of, the state or a political subdivision of the state.

1081 Sec. 26. Section 9-333b of the general statutes, as amended by public
1082 act 99-264, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1083 (a) As used in this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 24,
1084 inclusive, and 36 of this act, "contribution" means:

1085 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
1086 money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the

1087 nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of
1088 aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question
1089 or on behalf of any political party;

1090 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
1091 for any such purpose;

1092 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or campaign
1093 treasurer, of compensation for the personal services of any other
1094 person which are rendered without charge to a committee or candidate
1095 for any such purpose;

1096 (4) An expenditure when made by a person with the cooperation of,
1097 or in consultation with, any candidate, candidate committee or
1098 candidate's agent or which is made in concert with, or at the request or
1099 suggestion of, any candidate, candidate committee or candidate's
1100 agent; or

1101 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
1102 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

1103 (b) As used in this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 24,
1104 inclusive, and 36 of this act, "contribution" does not mean:

1105 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
1106 national or state bank;

1107 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
1108 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
1109 administrative personnel, or their families;

1110 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
1111 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
1112 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
1113 families;

1114 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
1115 their time;

1116 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
1117 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
1118 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
1119 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
1120 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
1121 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
1122 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
1123 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
1124 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
1125 calendar year;

1126 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or
1127 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge
1128 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative
1129 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does
1130 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,
1131 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed
1132 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1133 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
1134 individual who on [his] said individual's own behalf volunteers [his]
1135 said individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent
1136 the cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with
1137 respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town
1138 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1139 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
1140 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
1141 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
1142 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
1143 the names of three or more candidates;

1144 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
1145 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
1146 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
1147 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not

1148 exceed fifty dollars;

1149 (10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
1150 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the
1151 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
1152 dollars from any single candidate or [his] committee of any single
1153 candidate with respect to any single election campaign or two hundred
1154 fifty dollars from any single party committee or other political
1155 committee in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or
1156 fifty dollars for purchases by any other person;

1157 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to [his] said candidate's
1158 candidate committee;

1159 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
1160 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
1161 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
1162 hundred dollars;

1163 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
1164 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
1165 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to
1166 the individual; or

1167 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
1168 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
1169 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
1170 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
1171 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
1172 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
1173 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
1174 political party.

1175 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 9-333e of the general statutes is
1176 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1177 (a) Statements filed by party committees, political committees

1178 formed to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
1179 question proposing a constitutional convention, constitutional
1180 amendment or revision of the constitution, individual lobbyists, and
1181 those political committees and candidate committees formed to aid or
1182 promote the success or defeat of any candidate for the office of
1183 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1184 Comptroller, Attorney General, sheriff, judge of probate and members
1185 of the General Assembly, shall be filed with the office of the Secretary
1186 of the State. On and after January 1, 2002, a copy of each statement
1187 filed by a candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of
1188 any candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1189 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney
1190 General, and on and after January 1, 2004, a copy of each statement
1191 filed by a candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of
1192 any candidate for the office of state senator or state representative shall
1193 be filed at the same time with the commission. A copy of each
1194 statement filed by a town committee shall be filed at the same time
1195 with the town clerk of the municipality in which the committee is
1196 situated. A political committee formed for a slate of candidates in a
1197 primary for the position of convention delegate shall file statements
1198 with both the Secretary of the State and the town clerk of the
1199 municipality in which the primary is to be held.

1200 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 9-333m of the general statutes is
1201 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1202 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for
1203 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a
1204 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
1205 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign
1206 for election, to the office of (1) Governor, [in excess of two thousand
1207 five hundred dollars] in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars
1208 for a primary or an election held in 2002, and in excess of one thousand
1209 dollars for a primary or an election held in 2006, or thereafter; (2)
1210 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1211 Comptroller or Attorney General, [in excess of one thousand five

1212 hundred dollars] in excess of one thousand dollars for a primary or an
1213 election held in 2002, and in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars for a
1214 primary or an election held in 2006, or thereafter; (3) sheriff or chief
1215 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
1216 dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred
1217 dollars; or (5) state representative or any other office of a municipality
1218 not [previously] specifically included in this subsection, in excess of
1219 two hundred fifty dollars. [The] Except for contributions to, or for the
1220 benefit of, a candidate's campaign in 2002, or thereafter, for the office
1221 of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State
1222 Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, the limits imposed
1223 by this subsection shall be applied separately to primaries and
1224 elections.

1225 Sec. 29. Subsection (e) of section 9-333n of the general statutes is
1226 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1227 (e) (1) Any individual acting alone may, independent of any
1228 candidate, agent of the candidate, or committee, make unlimited
1229 expenditures to promote the success or defeat of any candidate's
1230 campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any office or
1231 position. [, provided any individual who makes an independent
1232 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to
1233 promote the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election,
1234 or nomination at a primary, to any such office or position shall file
1235 statements according to the same schedule and in the same manner as
1236 is required of a campaign treasurer of a candidate committee under
1237 section 9-333j.]

1238 (2) Any person who on or after July 1, 2000, makes or obligates to
1239 make an independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-333a of the
1240 general statutes, as amended, intended to promote the success or
1241 defeat of a candidate for public office, which exceeds one thousand
1242 dollars, in the aggregate, during a primary campaign or a general
1243 election campaign, shall file a report of such independent expenditure
1244 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The report shall be in

1245 the same form as statements filed under section 9-333j. If the person
1246 makes or obligates to make such independent expenditure more than
1247 twenty days before the day of a primary or election, the person shall
1248 file such report not later than forty-eight hours after such payment or
1249 obligation. If the person makes or obligates to make such independent
1250 expenditure twenty days or less before the day of a primary or
1251 election, the person shall file such report not later than twenty-four
1252 hours after such payment or obligation. The report shall be filed under
1253 penalty of false statement.

1254 (3) The independent expenditure report in subdivision (2) of this
1255 subsection shall include a statement (A) identifying the candidate for
1256 whom the independent expenditure is intended to promote the success
1257 or defeat, (B) affirming that the expenditure is totally independent and
1258 involves no cooperation or coordination with or direction from a
1259 candidate or a political party, and (C) affirming that the individual
1260 making the expenditure has not served or does not serve as treasurer,
1261 deputy treasurer or chairperson of the candidate committee during the
1262 same election cycle.

1263 (4) Any person may file a complaint with the commission upon the
1264 belief that (A) any such independent expenditure report or statement
1265 is false, or (B) any person who is required to file an independent
1266 expenditure report under subdivision (2) of this subsection has failed
1267 to do so. The commission shall make a prompt determination on such
1268 a complaint.

1269 Sec. 30. Subsection (d) of section 9-333o of the general statutes is
1270 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1271 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
1272 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
1273 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
1274 campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of [five
1275 thousand dollars] three thousand five hundred dollars for a primary or
1276 an election held in 2002, or thereafter; (2) Lieutenant Governor,

1277 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney
1278 General, in excess of [three thousand dollars] two thousand dollars for
1279 a primary or an election held in 2002, or thereafter; (3) sheriff, in excess
1280 of two thousand dollars; (4) state senator, probate judge or chief
1281 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
1282 dollars; (5) state representative, in excess of five hundred dollars; [or]
1283 (6) any other office of a municipality not included in subdivision (4) of
1284 this subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (7) an
1285 exploratory committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. [The]
1286 Except for contributions to, or for the benefit of, a candidate's
1287 campaign in 2002, or thereafter, for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
1288 Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or
1289 Attorney General, the limits imposed by this subsection shall apply
1290 separately to primaries and elections, and contributions by any such
1291 committee to candidates designated in this subsection shall not exceed
1292 one hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate for any single election
1293 and primary preliminary thereto. Contributions to such committees
1294 shall also be subject to the provisions of section 9-333t, as amended by
1295 this act, in the case of committees formed for ongoing political activity
1296 or section 9-333u, as amended by this act, in the case of committees
1297 formed for a single election or primary.

1298 Sec. 31. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is repealed and the
1299 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1300 (a) No political committee established by an organization shall
1301 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
1302 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the
1303 office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars;
1304 (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1305 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five
1306 hundred dollars; (3) sheriff or chief executive officer of a town, city or
1307 borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate
1308 judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) state representative or
1309 any other office of a municipality not [previously] specifically included
1310 in this subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.

1311 (b) No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions to,
1312 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of two
1313 hundred fifty dollars. Any such committee may make unlimited
1314 contributions to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote
1315 the success or defeat of a referendum question.

1316 (c) [The] Except for contributions to, or for the benefit of, a
1317 candidate's campaign in 2002, or thereafter, for the office of Governor,
1318 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1319 Comptroller or Attorney General, the limits imposed by subsection (a)
1320 of this section shall apply separately to primaries and elections. [and
1321 no] No such committee shall make contributions to the candidates
1322 designated in this section which in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand
1323 dollars for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

1324 (d) No political committee established by an organization shall
1325 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)
1326 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five
1327 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
1328 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory
1329 committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success
1330 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.

1331 (e) No political committee established by an organization shall make
1332 contributions to the committees designated in subsection (d) of this
1333 section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in any
1334 one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee established
1335 by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of section
1336 9-333t, as amended by this act, in the case of a committee formed for
1337 ongoing political activity or section 9-333u, as amended by this act, in
1338 the case of a committee formed for a single election or primary.

1339 Sec. 32. Subsection (b) of section 9-333y of the general statutes is
1340 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1341 (b) If any campaign treasurer or lobbyist fails to file the statements
1342 required by section 9-333j or subsection (g) of section 9-333l, as the case

1343 may be, within the time required, [he] the campaign treasurer or
1344 lobbyist shall pay a late filing fee of fifty-five dollars. In the case of a
1345 statement that is required to be filed with the Secretary of the State, the
1346 secretary shall, within ten days after the filing deadline, notify by
1347 certified mail, return receipt requested, the person required to file that,
1348 if such statement is not filed within twenty-one days after the deadline,
1349 the person is in violation of said section or subsection. If the person
1350 does not file such statement within twenty-one days after the deadline,
1351 the secretary shall notify the State Elections Enforcement Commission
1352 within twenty-eight days after the deadline. In the case of a copy of a
1353 statement that is required to be filed with the State Elections
1354 Enforcement Commission, the commission shall, not later than ten
1355 days after the filing deadline, notify by certified mail, return receipt
1356 requested, the person required to file that if such statement is not filed
1357 within twenty-one days after the deadline the person is in violation of
1358 section 9-333j. In the case of a statement that is required to be filed with
1359 a town clerk, the town clerk shall forthwith after the filing deadline
1360 notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the person required
1361 to file that, if such statement is not filed within seven days after
1362 receiving such notice, the town clerk shall notify the State Elections
1363 Enforcement Commission that the person is in violation of said section
1364 or subsection. The penalty for any violation of said section or
1365 subsection shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or
1366 imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

1367 Sec. 33. Section 9-7b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1368 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1369 (a) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall have the
1370 following duties and powers:

1371 (1) To make investigations on its own initiative or with respect to
1372 statements filed with the commission by the Secretary of the State or
1373 any town clerk, or upon written complaint under oath by any
1374 individual, with respect to alleged violations of any provision of the
1375 general statutes or sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of

1376 this act, relating to any election or referendum, any primary held
1377 pursuant to section 9-423, 9-424, 9-425 or 9-464 or any primary held
1378 pursuant to a special act, and to hold hearings when the commission
1379 deems necessary to investigate violations of any provisions of the
1380 general statutes or sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of
1381 this act, relating to any such election, primary or referendum, and for
1382 the purpose of such hearings the commission may administer oaths,
1383 examine witnesses and receive oral and documentary evidence, and
1384 shall have the power to subpoena witnesses under procedural rules the
1385 commission shall adopt, to compel their attendance and to require the
1386 production for examination of any books and papers which the
1387 commission deems relevant to any matter under investigation or in
1388 question. In connection with its investigation of any alleged violation
1389 of any provision of chapter 145, or of any provision of section 9-359 or
1390 section 9-359a, the commission shall also have the power to subpoena
1391 any municipal clerk and to require the production for examination of
1392 any absentee ballot, inner and outer envelope from which any such
1393 ballot has been removed, depository envelope containing any such
1394 ballot or inner or outer envelope as provided in sections 9-150a and
1395 9-150b and any other record, form or document as provided in section
1396 9-150b, in connection with the election, primary or referendum to
1397 which the investigation relates. In case of a refusal to comply with any
1398 subpoena issued pursuant to this subsection or to testify with respect
1399 to any matter upon which that person may be lawfully interrogated,
1400 the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, on application of
1401 the commission, may issue an order requiring such person to comply
1402 with such subpoena and to testify; failure to obey any such order of the
1403 court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. In any
1404 matter under investigation which concerns the operation or inspection
1405 of or outcome recorded on any voting machine, the commission may
1406 issue an order to the municipal clerk to impound such machine until
1407 the investigation is completed;

1408 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars
1409 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation

1410 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter
1411 147, chapter 148, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17, section
1412 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to
1413 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43,
1414 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436,
1415 9-436a, 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k₂ [or] 9-453o or sections 1 to 4,
1416 inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, or (B) two thousand
1417 dollars per offense or twice the amount of any improper payment or
1418 contribution, whichever is greater, against any person the commission
1419 finds to be in violation of any provision of chapter 150. The
1420 commission may levy a civil penalty against any person under
1421 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision only after giving the
1422 person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
1423 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the case of
1424 failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this subsection
1425 [within] not later than thirty days of written notice sent by certified or
1426 registered mail to such person, the superior court for the judicial
1427 district of Hartford, on application of the commission, may issue an
1428 order requiring such person to pay the penalty imposed and such
1429 court costs, sheriff's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the
1430 commission as the court may determine;

1431 (3) (A) To issue an order requiring any person the commission finds
1432 to have received any contribution or payment which is prohibited by
1433 any of the provisions of chapter 150, after an opportunity to be heard
1434 at a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of sections
1435 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, to return such contribution or payment to
1436 the donor or payor, or to remit such contribution or payment to the
1437 state for deposit in the General Fund, whichever is deemed necessary
1438 to effectuate the purposes of chapter 150;

1439 (B) To issue an order when the commission finds that an intentional
1440 violation of any provision of chapter 150 has been committed, after an
1441 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1442 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, which order may contain one or
1443 more of the following sanctions: (i) Removal of a campaign treasurer,

1444 deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor; or (ii) prohibition on serving as
1445 a campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor, for a
1446 period not to exceed four years;

1447 (C) To issue an order revoking any person's eligibility to be
1448 appointed or serve as an election, primary or referendum official or
1449 unofficial checker or in any capacity at the polls on the day of an
1450 election, primary or referendum, when the commission finds such
1451 person has intentionally violated any provision of the general statutes
1452 relating to the conduct of an election, primary or referendum, after an
1453 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1454 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

1455 (4) To issue an order to a candidate committee which receives
1456 moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to sections 1 to 4,
1457 inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, to comply with the
1458 provisions of said sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36,
1459 after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance
1460 with the provisions of sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

1461 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
1462 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any campaign treasurer or
1463 principal campaign treasurer, as required by chapter 150 and sections 1
1464 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, and to audit any
1465 such election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided,
1466 it shall not audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section
1467 9-372;

1468 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) To attempt to secure voluntary compliance, [by informal
1469 methods of conference, conciliation and persuasion,] with any
1470 provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any other provision of
1471 the general statutes relating to any such election, primary or
1472 referendum by informal methods of conference, conciliation and
1473 persuasion;

1474 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) To consult with the Secretary of the State, the Chief State's
1475 Attorney or the Attorney General on any matter which the commission

1476 deems appropriate;

1477 [(7)] (8) To refer to the Chief State's Attorney evidence bearing upon
1478 violation of any provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any
1479 other provision of the general statutes or sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to
1480 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, pertaining to or relating to any such
1481 election, primary or referendum;

1482 [(8)] (9) To refer to the Attorney General evidence for injunctive
1483 relief and any other ancillary equitable relief in the circumstances of
1484 subdivision [(7)] (8) of this [section] subsection. Nothing in this
1485 subdivision shall preclude a person who claims that [he] such person is
1486 aggrieved by a violation of any provision of chapter 152 or any other
1487 provision of the general statutes relating to referenda from pursuing
1488 injunctive and any other ancillary equitable relief directly from the
1489 Superior Court by the filing of a complaint;

1490 [(9)] (10) To refer to the Attorney General evidence pertaining to any
1491 ruling which the commission finds to be in error made by election
1492 officials in connection with any election, primary or referendum. Those
1493 remedies and procedures available to parties claiming to be aggrieved
1494 under the provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, as amended by this act,
1495 9-328 and 9-329a shall apply to any complaint brought by the Attorney
1496 General as a result of the provisions of this subdivision;

1497 [(10)] (11) To consult with the United States Department of Justice
1498 and the United States Attorney for Connecticut on any investigation
1499 pertaining to a violation of this section, section 9-12, subsection (a) of
1500 section 9-17 or section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a,
1501 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b,
1502 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 or 9-59 and to refer to said
1503 department and attorney evidence bearing upon any such violation for
1504 prosecution under the provisions of the National Voter Registration
1505 Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time;

1506 [(11)] (12) To inspect reports filed with the Secretary of the State and
1507 with town clerks pursuant to chapter 150 and refer to the Chief State's

1508 Attorney evidence bearing upon any violation of law therein if such
1509 violation was committed knowingly and wilfully;

1510 [(12)] (13) To intervene in any action brought pursuant to the
1511 provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, as amended by this act, 9-328 and
1512 9-329a upon application to the court in which such action is brought
1513 when in the opinion of the court it is necessary to preserve evidence of
1514 possible criminal violation of the election laws;

1515 [(13)] (14) To adopt and publish regulations pursuant to chapter 54
1516 to carry out the provisions of section 9-7a, this section, sections 1 to 4,
1517 inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, and chapter 150; to issue
1518 upon request and publish advisory opinions in the Connecticut Law
1519 Journal upon the requirements of chapter 150 and sections 1 to 4,
1520 inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, and to make
1521 recommendations to the General Assembly concerning suggested
1522 revisions of the election laws;

1523 [(14)] (15) To the extent that the Elections Enforcement Commission
1524 is involved in the investigation of alleged or suspected criminal
1525 violations of any provision of the general statutes or sections 1 to 4,
1526 inclusive, 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, pertaining to or relating
1527 to any such election, primary or referendum and is engaged in such
1528 investigation for the purpose of presenting evidence to the Chief
1529 State's Attorney, the Elections Enforcement Commission shall be
1530 deemed a law enforcement agency for purposes of subdivision (3) of
1531 subsection (b) of section 1-210, provided nothing in this section shall be
1532 construed to exempt the Elections Enforcement Commission in any
1533 other respect from the requirements of the Freedom of Information
1534 Act, as defined in section 1-200;

1535 [(15)] (16) To enter into such contractual agreements as may be
1536 necessary for the discharge of its duties, within the limits of its
1537 appropriated funds and in accordance with established procedures;
1538 and

1539 [(16)] (17) To provide the Secretary of the State with notice and

1540 copies of all decisions rendered by the commission in contested cases,
1541 advisory opinions and declaratory judgments, at the time such
1542 decisions, judgments and opinions are made or issued.

1543 (b) In the case of a refusal to comply with an order of the
1544 commission issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this
1545 section, the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, on
1546 application of the commission, may issue a further order to comply.
1547 Failure to obey such further order may be punished by the court as a
1548 contempt thereof.

1549 (c) (1) In addition to its jurisdiction over persons who are residents
1550 of this state, the State Elections Enforcement Commission may exercise
1551 personal jurisdiction over any nonresident person, or the agent of such
1552 person, who makes a payment of money, gives anything of value, or
1553 makes a contribution or expenditure to or for the benefit of any
1554 committee or candidate.

1555 (2) Where personal jurisdiction is based solely upon this subsection,
1556 an appearance does not confer personal jurisdiction with respect to
1557 causes of action not arising from an act enumerated in this subsection.

1558 (3) Any nonresident person or the agent of such person over whom
1559 the State Elections Enforcement Commission may exercise personal
1560 jurisdiction, as provided in subdivision (1), shall be deemed to have
1561 appointed the Secretary of the State as the person's or agent's attorney
1562 and to have agreed that any process in any complaint, investigation or
1563 other matter conducted pursuant to section 9-7b brought against the
1564 nonresident person, or said person's agent, may be served upon the
1565 Secretary of the State and shall have the same validity as if served
1566 upon such nonresident person or agent personally. The process shall
1567 be served by the officer to whom the same is directed upon the
1568 Secretary of the State by leaving with or at the office of the Secretary of
1569 the State, at least twelve days before any required appearance day of
1570 such process, a true and attested copy of such process, and by sending
1571 to the nonresident person or agent so served, at the person's or agent's

1572 last-known address, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, a
1573 like and attested copy with an endorsement thereon of the service
1574 upon the Secretary of the State. The Secretary of the State shall keep a
1575 record of each such process and the day and hour of service.

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1577 Sec. 34. Section 9-324 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1578 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1579 Any elector or candidate who claims that [he] such elector or
1580 candidate is aggrieved by any ruling of any election official in
1581 connection with any election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1582 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State
1583 Comptroller, sheriff or judge of probate, held in [his] such elector or
1584 candidate's town, or that there has been a mistake in the count of the
1585 votes cast at such election for candidates for said offices or any of
1586 them, at any voting district in [his] such elector or candidate's town, or
1587 any candidate for such an office who claims that [he] such candidate is
1588 aggrieved by a violation of any provision of [sections] section 9-355,
1589 9-357 to 9-361, inclusive, 9-364, 9-364a or 9-365 in the casting of
1590 absentee ballots at such election or any candidate for the office of
1591 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1592 Attorney General or State Comptroller, who claims that such candidate
1593 is aggrieved by a violation of any provision of sections 1 to 4, inclusive,
1594 6 to 24, inclusive, and 36 of this act, may bring [his] such elector or
1595 candidate's complaint to any judge of the Superior Court, in which [he]
1596 such elector or candidate shall set out the claimed errors of such
1597 election official, the claimed errors in the count or the claimed
1598 violations of said sections. In any action brought pursuant to the
1599 provisions of this section, the complainant shall send a copy of the
1600 complaint by first-class mail, or deliver a copy of the complaint by
1601 hand, to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. If such
1602 complaint is made prior to such election, such judge shall proceed
1603 expeditiously to render judgment on the complaint and shall cause
1604 notice of the hearing to be given to the Secretary of the State and the

1605 State Elections Enforcement Commission. If such complaint is made
1606 subsequent to the election, it shall be brought [within] not later than
1607 fourteen days of the election and such judge shall forthwith order a
1608 hearing to be had upon such complaint, upon a day not more than five
1609 nor less than three days from the making of such order, and shall cause
1610 notice of not less than three nor more than five days to be given to any
1611 candidate or candidates whose election may be affected by the decision
1612 upon such hearing, to such election official, the Secretary of the State,
1613 the State Elections Enforcement Commission and to any other party or
1614 parties whom such judge deems proper parties thereto, of the time and
1615 place for the hearing upon such complaint. Such judge shall, on the
1616 day fixed for such hearing and without unnecessary delay, proceed to
1617 hear the parties. If sufficient reason is shown, [he] such judge may
1618 order any voting machines to be unlocked or any ballot boxes to be
1619 opened and a recount of the votes cast, including absentee ballots, to
1620 be made. Such judge shall thereupon, in case [he] such judge finds any
1621 error in the rulings of the election official, any mistake in the count of
1622 the votes or any violation of said sections, certify the result of [his]
1623 such judge's finding or decision to the Secretary of the State before the
1624 fifteenth day of the next succeeding December. Such judge may order a
1625 new election or a change in the existing election schedule. Such
1626 certificate of such judge of [his] such judge's finding or decision shall
1627 be final and conclusive upon all questions relating to errors in the
1628 rulings of such election officials, to the correctness of such count, and,
1629 for the purposes of this section only, such claimed violations, and shall
1630 operate to correct the returns of the moderators or presiding officers,
1631 so as to conform to such finding or decision, unless the same is
1632 appealed from as provided in section 9-325.

1633 Sec. 35. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-348ee of the general
1634 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1635 (b) On and after January 1, [1999] 2001, the campaign treasurer of
1636 the candidate committee for each candidate for nomination or election
1637 to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
1638 State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State who raises

1639 or spends [two hundred fifty] one hundred thousand dollars or more
1640 during an election campaign, and on and after January 1, 2003, the
1641 campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for each candidate for
1642 nomination or election to the office of state senator or state
1643 representative, who has received contributions totaling seventy-five
1644 per cent of the applicable expenditure limit in section 9 of this act, shall
1645 file in electronic form all financial disclosure statements required by
1646 said section 9-333j by either transmitting disks, tapes or other
1647 electronic storage media containing the contents of such statements to
1648 the office of the Secretary of the State or transmitting the statements
1649 on-line to said office. Each such campaign treasurer shall use either (1)
1650 a software program created by the Secretary of the State under
1651 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such statements
1652 filed on or after [January 1, 1999] said date, or (2) another software
1653 program which provides for the standard reporting format, and
1654 complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by the secretary
1655 under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such
1656 statements filed on or after [July 1, 1999] said date. The office of the
1657 Secretary of the State shall accept any statement that uses any such
1658 software program. Once any such candidate committee has raised or
1659 spent [two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more] said amount
1660 during an election campaign, all previously filed statements required
1661 by said section 9-333j, which were not filed in electronic form shall be
1662 refiled in such form, using such a software program, not later than the
1663 date on which the campaign treasurer of the committee is required to
1664 file the next regular statement under said section 9-333j.

1665 (c) On and after January 1, [1999] 2001, (1) the campaign treasurer of
1666 the candidate committee for any other candidate, as defined in section
1667 9-333a, who is required to file the financial disclosure statements
1668 required by section 9-333j with the office of the Secretary of the State
1669 and (2) the campaign treasurer of any political committee or party
1670 committee, may file in electronic form any financial disclosure
1671 statements required by said section 9-333j. Such filings may be made
1672 by either transmitting disks, tapes or other electronic storage media

1673 containing the contents of such statements to the proper authority
1674 under section 9-333e or transmitting the statements on-line to such
1675 proper authority. Each such campaign treasurer shall use either (A) a
1676 software program created by the Secretary of the State under
1677 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such statements
1678 filed in electronic form on or after [January 1, 1999] said date, or (B)
1679 another software program which provides for the standard reporting
1680 format, and complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by
1681 the secretary under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for
1682 all such statements filed in electronic form on or after [July 1, 1999]
1683 said date. The proper authority under section 9-333e shall accept any
1684 statement that uses any such software program.

1685 Sec. 36. (NEW) (a) (1) No candidate for the office of Governor or
1686 Lieutenant Governor shall solicit contributions, on behalf of a
1687 candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or
1688 election to any public office or on behalf of any political committee or
1689 party committee, or accept contributions, (A) from any individual who
1690 (i) is an officer, director, owner, limited or general partner or holder of
1691 stock constituting five per cent or more of the total outstanding stock
1692 of any class of a business which has a contract with the state valued at
1693 two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more and (ii) has substantial
1694 policy or decision-making authority related to the administration of
1695 said contract or (B) from a political committee established by such
1696 business.

1697 (2) No such individual from such business and no political
1698 committee established by such business shall make a contribution to
1699 any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office of
1700 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, during the term of such contract. If
1701 any such individual or political committee makes such a contribution,
1702 the business shall be prohibited from being awarded a state contract
1703 for one year after the election for which such contribution is made.

1704 (b) (1) No candidate for the office of Attorney General, State
1705 Comptroller or Secretary of the State shall solicit contributions, on

1706 behalf of a candidate committee established by a candidate for
1707 nomination or election to any public office or on behalf of any political
1708 committee or party committee, or accept contributions, (A) from any
1709 individual who (i) is an officer, director, owner, limited or general
1710 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
1711 outstanding stock of any class of a business which has a contract with
1712 such official's office valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or
1713 more and (ii) has substantial policy or decision-making authority
1714 related to the administration of said contract or (B) from a political
1715 committee established by such business.

1716 (2) No such individual from such business and no political
1717 committee established by such business shall make a contribution to
1718 any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office with
1719 which the business has a contract, during the term of such contract. If
1720 any such individual or political committee makes such a contribution,
1721 the business shall be prohibited from being awarded a contract from
1722 such office for one year after the election for which such contribution is
1723 made.

1724 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to the State
1725 Treasurer to the extent such provisions are not inconsistent with other
1726 statutory restrictions relating to the State Treasurer.

1727 (c) (1) No candidate for the office of state senator or state
1728 representative shall solicit contributions, on behalf of a candidate
1729 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to any
1730 public office or on behalf of any political committee or party
1731 committee, or accept contributions, (A) from any individual who (i) is
1732 an officer, director, owner, limited or general partner or holder of stock
1733 constituting five per cent or more of the total outstanding stock of any
1734 class of a business which has a contract with the General Assembly
1735 valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more and (ii) has
1736 substantial policy or decision-making authority related to the
1737 administration of said contract or (B) from a political committee
1738 established by such business.

1739 (2) No such individual from such business and no political
1740 committee established by such business shall make a contribution to
1741 any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office of
1742 state senator or state representative, during the term of such contract.
1743 If any such individual or political committee makes such a
1744 contribution, the business shall be prohibited from being awarded a
1745 contract by the General Assembly for one year after the election for
1746 which such contribution is made.

1747 Sec. 37. (a) There is established a blue ribbon commission to study
1748 the party nominating process in Connecticut and make
1749 recommendations concerning such process in the context of the
1750 voluntary campaign expenditure limits program and Citizens' Election
1751 Program established in sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and 6 to 24, inclusive,
1752 of this act.

1753 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

1754 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

1755 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

1756 (3) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
1757 Representatives; and

1758 (4) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

1759 (c) Any member of the commission may be a member of the General
1760 Assembly.

1761 (d) All appointments to the commission shall be made no later than
1762 May 30, 2000. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

1763 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
1764 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the
1765 commission, from among the members of the commission. Such
1766 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which
1767 shall be held no later than June 30, 2000.

1768 (f) The commission shall be in the office of the Secretary of the State
1769 for administrative purposes only.

1770 (g) Not later than January 1, 2001, the commission shall prepare a
1771 report on its findings and recommendations. The commission shall
1772 terminate on the date that it submits such report.

1773 Sec. 38. Section 9-348gg, as amended by section 9 of public act 99-1
1774 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted
1775 in lieu thereof:

1776 On and after January 1, [2000] 2001, the Secretary of the State shall
1777 make all computerized data from statements required by section 9-333j
1778 available to the public, not later than two business days after the
1779 statements are filed, through (1) computer terminals in the Office of
1780 the Secretary of the State and, if feasible, at remote access locations and
1781 (2) the Internet or any other generally available on-line computer
1782 network.

1783 Sec. 39. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that
1784 sections 1 to 34 and 36 shall take effect July 1, 2000, and sections 35 and
1785 38 shall take effect January 1, 2001, and shall be applicable to elections
1786 held after said date, and sections 3 and 4 shall be applicable to taxable
1787 years commencing on or after January 1, 2000."